Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Racine Pasture

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Racine Pasture		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
 a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? 	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes O or No O
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes O or No O

7. c. Assist in producing energy from renewable resources (solar, wind, biofuel, etc)?	
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Soil Erosion – Sheet and Rill and/or Wind Erosion. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	
2. Soil Erosion – Classic Gully. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	
3. Soil Erosion – Ephemeral Erosion. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	
4. Soil Erosion – Streambank. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	
5. Surface Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	
6. Groundwater Quality – Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, and/or Pathogens and/or Pesticides in Groundwater. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	
7. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address the control of noxious or invasive species?	
8. The applicant has only one application for multiple land uses or the applicant is only applying under one land use for this sign up.	
9. Applicant has a prior completed management plan that identifies the practices included in this application, or this application will result in the development of a management plan.	
10. Applicant has actively implemented or installed conservation practices, needs financial assistance to complete a conservation system, and has applied for EQIP in the past but was never awarded or offered a contract.	

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Soil Erosion - Sheet & Rill. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in the application.	Yes O or No O
2. Soil Erosion - Ephemeral Gully. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in the application.	Yes O or No O
3. Soil Erosion - Classic Gully. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in the application.	Yes O or No O
4. Soil Erosion - Streambank. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in the application.	Yes O or No O
5. Water Quality - Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, Pesticide, and/or Pathogens in Surface Water. These resource concerns will be addressed by implementation of practices(s) included in the application.	Yes O or No O
6. Water Quality - Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, Pesticides, and/or Pathogens in Groundwater. These resource concerns will be addressed by implementation of pratice(s) included in the application.	
7. Plant Condition - Forage Quality and Palatability. This resource concern will be address by implementation	Yes O or No O

of practice(s) included in the application.	
8. Plant Condition - Noxious & Invasive Plants. This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in the application.	Yes O or No O
9. Domestic Animals - Inadequate Stock Water. This resource concern will be addressed with the implementation of practice(s) included in the application.	
10. Prescribed grazing (528) will be implemented as a part of this application.	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: